for the development of the Ghusick Project on turnkey basis is not considered necessary.

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh Government

256. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1328 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March, 1987 and state:

(a) the number of bio-gas plants in Andhra Pradesh as on 31st January, 1987 and the number of such plants which were installed during the last three years; and

(b) the number of bio-gas plants proposed to be installed during 1987 in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The cumulative total number of bio-gas plants set up in Andhra Pradesh as on 31st January, 1987 is over 55,450 plants. Out of them, about 40,000 plants were installed by the State Government during the three years 1983-84 to 1985-86. The cumulative total number of community and institutional bio-gas plants set up in the State as on 31st January, 1987 is 32 plants, out of which 28 plants were set up during the three years 1983-84 to 1985-86.

(b) A provisional target of setting up of 10,000 family type biogas plants has been earmarked for the State of Andhra Pradesh for 1987-88 under the National Project for Biogas Development. Besides, community and institutional biogas plants will also be set up depending on feasibility and availability of funds.

Rural electrification in Andhra Pradesh

257. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to sanction on priority basis the rural electrification schemes forwarded by the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when these schemes will be sanctioned by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The Rural Electrification Corporation considers sanction of rural electrification schemes submitted by State Electricity Boards subject to the techno-economic feasibiliy and availabiliy of funds. The Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board has submitted 33 rural electrification schemes as on 31-3-1987. It is not practicable to indicate the specific time-frame for the approval of the scheme.

Power tariff in the Country

258. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the details of the power tariff per unit in different States and Union Territories as on 31st January, 1987 including the Central Government's power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): The estimated average rates for supply of electricity to various categories of consumers in different States and Union Territories as on 31-1-1987 are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 14]. Power supplied by the Central Generating Stations is pooled by the States/Union Territories with the power generated at their own stations for the purpose of fixation of tariff.

Buildings taken on lease by IPSL

259. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the buildings taken on lease by IPCL for

office accommodation so far in Delhi and in how many cases the lease agreement has expired;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the case of Ashoka Estate on Barakhamba Road, New Delhi taken on lease by IPCL, the lease agreement expired as far back as in September, 1984; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not vacating the said premises so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) M/s. Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. (IPCL) have taken on lease some space in (i) Ashoka Estate, Barakhamba Road and (ii) Himalaya House, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi for office accommodation. The lease deed of Ashoka Estate premises expired in September, 1984. However within its validity period, as per relevant provisions of the lease deed, IPCL has exercised the option for its renewal as the premises are required by IPCL for their Regional Marketing Office. IPCL is not in a position to vacate the premises as it would affect the marketing operation of their Delhi Regional Office.

Availability of industrial alcohol

260. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out any scheme to rationalise levies and duties imposed by the various State Governments on industrial alcohol;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the measures contemplated to be taken to step up the availability of industrial alcohol for industrial units; and

(d) whether molasses from Khandsari units is proposed to be utilised for increasing the supply of industrial alcohol?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The State Governments have been advised from time to time to ensure that the total quantum of levies on alcohol used for production of alcohol based chemicals is kept at a level, which the alcohol-based industry will be able to bear and which will make its products competitive with those produced from alternative petro-chemical feedstocks.

(c) While as per present reckoning, there is likely to be sufficient indigenous availability of alcohol for industrial use in the current alcohol year, the possibility of imports is also not ruled out in the event of any shortfall.

(d) The State Government have been advised to control khandsari molasses to improve the availability of molasses and alcohol.

Targets of production of Central Coalfields Limited

261. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) the targets of production set for the Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) for 1986-87;

(b) how far it has been achieved; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) As against the target of 25 million tonnes fixed for Central Coalfield ir 1986-87, the actual production ha been 25.14 million tonnes (provisional). This coal production in Central Coalfields Limited exceeded th target by 0.14 million tonnes durin the year 1986-87.